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PROPOSED NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
OF THE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1. The necessity for establishing integrated policies and procedures throughout the Federal Departments and Agencies in the interest of national security was recognized in the enactment of the National Security Act of 1947 - (Public Law 253).
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102(a) of said Act, the Central Intelligence Agency was established to coordinate "the intelligence activities" of the several Government departments and agencies.
3. The words "intelligence activities" are not to be interpreted in the narrow technical sense as applying merely to a unit of organization called an "intelligence" undertaking. They mean any organizational pattern that possesses information, conditions, or circumstances which are determined to be of interest and of use to the Central Intelligence Agency in the coordinated production of intelligence.
4. It is incumbent on all Executive Departments and Agencies, without exception, to recognize the unique position which the Central Intelligence Agency occupies in the federal structure, and to be guided accordingly in rendering to the CIA, all possible assistance voluntarily, and when specifically requested to do so.
5. In the pursuance of his duties of inspection, of giving advice and making recommendations to the National Security Council on the coordination of intelligence, of correlating and evaluating intelligence relating to the national security, of disseminating finished intelligence products throughout the Government, and of protecting intelligence sources and methods, the Director of Central Intelligence shall call upon the heads of Government Departments and Agencies for such cooperative assistance as he deems essential. Departmental and Agency heads will see to it that their intelligence branches, or those units within

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their organizations dealing with matters of appropriate substance, cooperate with CIA to the fullest extent practicable with departmental or agency policy.

6. In its responsibility for the overall administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Council will issue, when necessary, pertinent directives to the CIA which, when implemented by CIA, shall be acted upon in appropriate manner by all Departments and Agencies of Government.

7. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 102(d) and (e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and with the approval of the President, and subject to the special proviso of Section 102(e) regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all departments and agencies of the Government shall make available to the Central Intelligence Agency for correlation, evaluation, and dissemination, all intelligence or unevaluated information relating to the national security in their possession.

8. The dissemination of such intelligence and unevaluated information to the Central Intelligence Agency shall be made regardless of the source of such information. To this end, the so-called "Third Agency Rule," which provides that classified information originating in one agency, is specifically abrogated insofar as the Central Intelligence Agency is concerned.

9. In cases, however, where the originating agency requests that special security considerations govern the dissemination of specific material to third agencies, such requests shall be given the maximum consideration by the Central Intelligence Agency and shall be complied with to the maximum extent which the Director of Central Intelligence shall determine is compatible with the national security.

10. This shall include all intelligence and unevaluated information which the Director of Central Intelligence determines is required by the Central Intelligence Agency.

11. The Departments and Agencies of the Government shall provide

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the Central Intelligence Agency, as appropriate to their respective responsibilities, unevaluated information for intelligence purposes and intelligence available to them. "Operational" information and scientific, technological, diplomatic and other information which has utility for intelligence purposes is included in this directive, as well as information available only under special security handling restrictions. In the latter case, each organization will promptly make arrangements with the Director of Central Intelligence to make such material available to the Central Intelligence Agency under appropriate security safeguards. The flow of such material shall be immediate, spontaneous and comprehensive. No Department or Agency shall hold back or delay the transmittal of such material to the Central Intelligence Agency.

12. All requests from the Central Intelligence Agency for such material shall be honored immediately by all Departments and Agencies of the Government to the fullest extent of their capabilities.

13. The Departments and Agencies of the Government shall provide, produce or collect such intelligence and unevaluated information in their fields of primary responsibility as the Central Intelligence Agency may request for its use or for that of one of the other Departments or Agencies. Within the limits of their capabilities they shall provide, produce or collect such additional intelligence and unevaluated information in other fields as may be requested by the Central Intelligence Agency as above.

14. The Departments and Agencies of the Government shall make arrangements, when requested by the Director of Central Intelligence, to assign to the Central Intelligence Agency such experienced and qualified officers and members as may be of advantage for advisory, operational, or other purposes, in addition to such personnel as the Director of Central Intelligence may directly employ. In each case, such departmental personnel will be subject to the necessary personnel procedures of the Department concerned.

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15. The Departments and Agencies of the Government shall conduct such surveys of their establishments as the Director of Central Intelligence may request in support of the national intelligence effort.

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